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## **WeSERV Presents Rio Rico Fire Department with Secure Lockboxes for Seniors**

### **The Secure Lockbox Program Gives First Responders Access to Aid Seniors without Damaging Homes**

On Friday, March 17, 2023, West and SouthEast REALTORS® of the Valley, Inc. Santa Cruz County Chapter Regional Vice President Kaitlyn De La Ossa and Office Manager Marybeth Hughes presented thirty five (35) lockboxes to the Rio Rico Medical and Fire Department on behalf of the WeSERV Secure Lockbox Program.

The Fire Department provided the lockboxes to the seniors who attended the Senior Lunch and BINGO event at the Rio Rico Community Center. Additional lockboxes are available at no cost for seniors in the Rio Rico community and will be issued by the Rio Rico Medical and Fire Department.

The Secure Lockbox Program is primarily for elderly residents who live alone, are physically challenged, or have a medical condition with a probability that it be necessary to call 911 for assistance. The program is designed to allow police and emergency personnel to access a home in emergencies where forced entry may be required.

“These secure lockboxes give first responders access to a house key and vital medical information such as specific conditions, allergies, or medications. This program makes it possible to avoid potential damage to doors or windows and gives firefighters and paramedics knowledge they can use to help the senior,” said WeSERV Regional Vice President Kaitlyn De La Ossa.

If you’re interested in a secure lockbox, please complete the application at [santacruz.weserv.realtor/secure-lockbox-program.html](https://santacruz.weserv.realtor/secure-lockbox-program.html) and email [hr@rioricofire.com](mailto:hr@rioricofire.com) to schedule an appointment. Upon installation, ONLY emergency personnel can access the lockbox should you require emergency help. For questions about the program, please contact Rio Rico Fire Department at 520-281-8421. Learn more about RRMFD at [rioricomedicalandfire.org](https://rioricomedicalandfire.org).

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